

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 2, 3 and 8 to be in independent format. Claim 1 has been cancelled, without prejudice. In addition, claims 4, 5 and 7 have been amended to be dependent upon claim 2. No new matter has been added.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter recited by claims 2, 3 and 8 as set forth in the June 20, 2006 Office Action. As the above amendments have rendered all pending claims being either a claim indicated to be allowable, or dependent upon an allowed claim, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and § 103 set forth in the Office Action be withdrawn.

It is noted that an Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of this response.

Having fully responded to all matters raised in the Office Action, Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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